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#### INTRODUCTION

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program was developed in response to USEPA's Phase II stormwater regulations and is part of a national program mandated by the US Clean Water Act.

The Department issued four New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) general stormwater permits to implement the federal program; Tier A Stormwater Permit (regulates 457 urban, suburban, and coastal municipalities), Tier B Stormwater Permit (regulates 99 mostly rural municipalities), Public Complex Stormwater Permit (regulates 75 county, State, interstate and federal facilities), and Highway Agency Stormwater Permit (regulates 33 county, and State highway facilities).

The general permits address stormwater quality and quantity issues related to new development, redevelopment and existing development by requiring regulated entities to develop a stormwater program and implement specific permit requirements. The general permits also require municipalities to update the Department on implementation and supply supporting data in Annual Reports due May 2nd of every year. This data provides metrics which allow the Department to measure the overall effectiveness of the program and gauge its impact on the environment. The Department has summarized the data received from 2004 though December 31, 2009 in the following report.

This Summary Report shows an exceptional level of compliance that could only be reached by dedication and commitment at the local level. Municipal engineers, public works, and maintenance staff should be recognized for the hours spent reviewing plans, sweeping streets, cleaning storm drains, and educating the public.

#### PLANNING

Have all municipalities adopted a Municipal Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) and Stormwater Control Ordinance (SCO)?



100%
of all municipalities
have adopted a
Stormwater
Management Plan
(SMP) and
Stormwater Control
Ordinance (SCO)

#### PLANNING (continued)

How many new development projects have had stormwater reviews at the municipal level for post construction stormwater management?

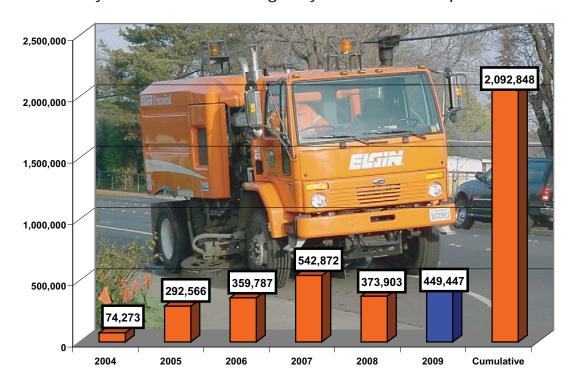


najor
development
projects have
been reviewed
locally to ensure
stormwater meets
quantity, quality
and recharge
requirements in
2007 through



#### INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

How many miles of roads and highways have been swept statewide?



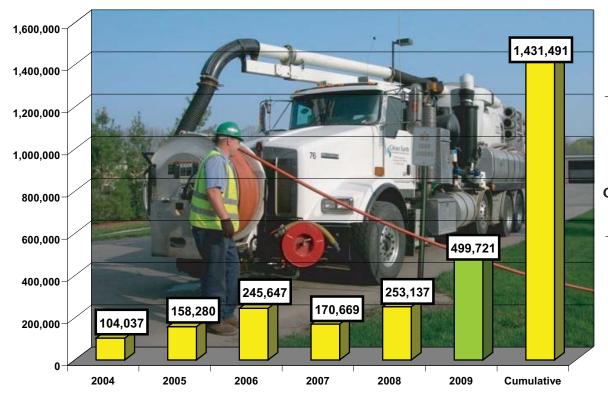
2,092,848
miles of
roads and
highways
have been
swept in New
Jersey since
2004

#### INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

As a result of this aggressive street sweeping program, how many tons of grit, solids and trash have been removed from New Jersey's streets?



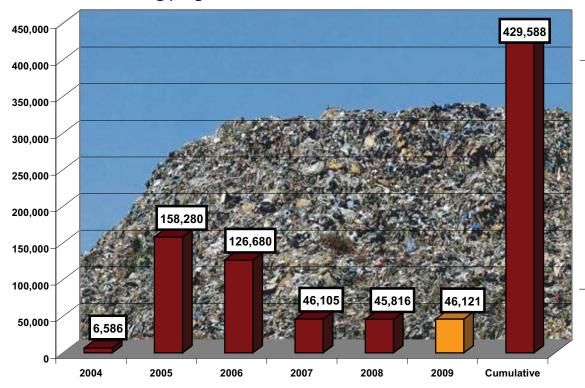
How many storm sewer catch basins have been cleaned statewide?



1,431,491 stormwater catch basins cleaned in NJ since 2004

#### INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE (continued)

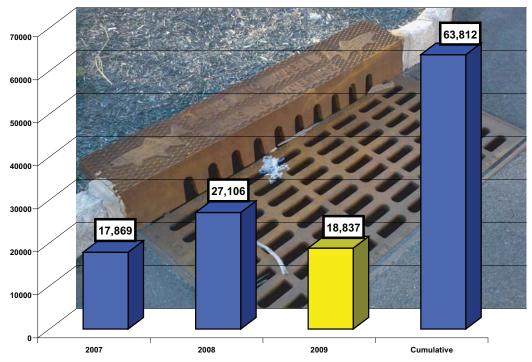
How much sediment, solids and trash have been removed from New Jersey's storm sewers as a result of this cleaning program?



429,588
tons of
sediment,
solids and
trash
removed
from NJ
storm sewers
since 2004

Note: Tier A municipalities must inspect all their catch basins and clean those catch basins with accumulated debris. As municipalities sweep streets and retrofit catch basin, less cleaning is required and less material will be removed. It is anticipated that the numbers for cleaning and material removed will continue to trend down and level off as municipalities catch up on maintenance.

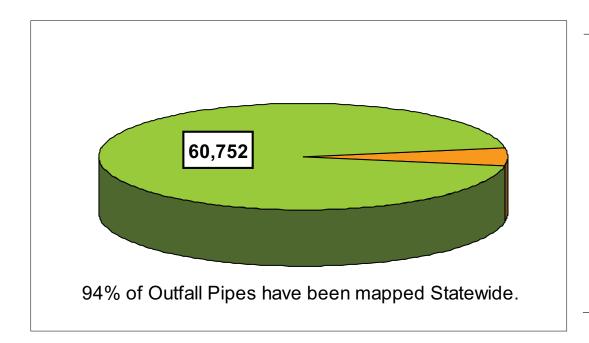
To keep floatables and trash from reaching New Jersey's waters, the municipal permits require the retrofitting of storm drain inlets. How many storm drain inlets have been retrofitted as a result of this program?



63,812
storm sewers
were retrofitted
between
2007-2009 to
prevent
floatables and
trash from
reaching
surface waters
of the state

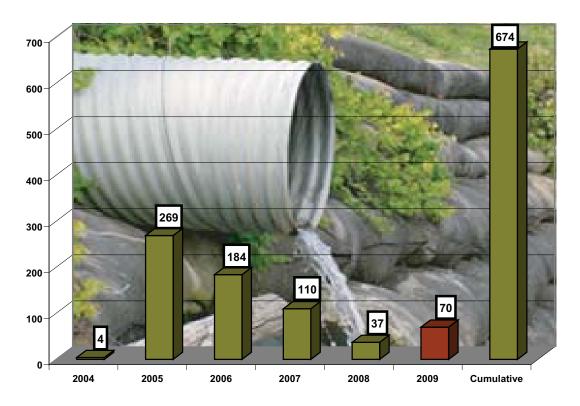
#### **OUTFALL MAPPING**

How many stormwater outfall pipes have been inspected and mapped statewide?



Each Tier A
Municipality,
Public Complex
and Highway
Agency must
inspect and map
each stormwater
outfall. Any illicit
connections
found during the
inspection must
be investigated
and eliminated.

How many illicit discharges of sanitary, industrial or other wastes have been eliminated from discharging directly into New Jersey's waters?



After Municipalities have completed initial outfall mapping and inspections, they must continue to have an illicit connection program. However, investigations will be complaint driven, and as a result, the number of illicit connections found may decline.

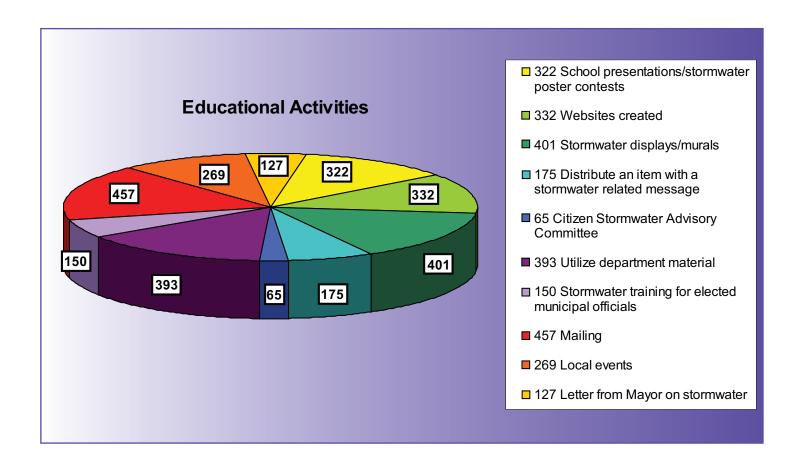
#### **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Nonpoint Pollution is attributable to human activities. The most effective way to change public behavior is through education. In 2009 municipalities were given the flexibility to craft their own local public education program. This is what municipalities did in 2009 at the local level to educate the public and increase awareness about stormwater and nonpoint source pollution.



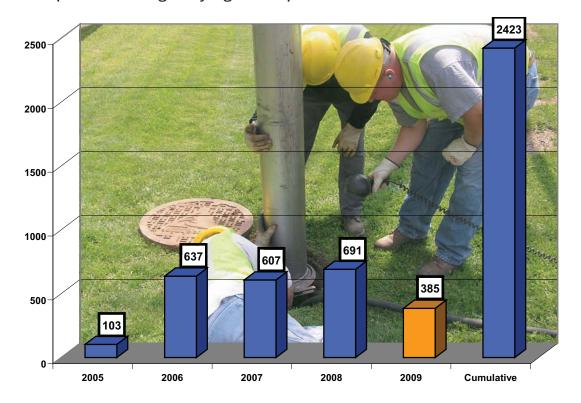


Municipalities
held
2,691
local public
educational
activities in
2009



#### **COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT**

Is the Department conducting compliance assistance inspections of all municiplaities, public complexes and highway agencies permitted statewide?



2,423
Compliance
Assistance
Inspections
Statewide
since 2005

Note: In view of the fact that the primary requirements of the permit have been attained, the Department has shifted their efforts from routine inspections to identifying and correcting problem areas. Consequently the number of inspections and penalty money collected has decreased from previous years.

Has the Department taken enforcement actions and issued penalties for failure to comply with municipal permit conditions?

